purchase when they found white paper was also available. Therefore the Director of Industries and Commerce issued instructions as indicated in sub-division (*a*) above.

USE OF PAPER—"COCHIN EXPRESS"

291. Mr. V. R. Krishnan Ezhuthassan *(Oorakam)*: Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) is it a fact that the "Cochin Express" was once allowed to use Punalur Paper and that later on the permission was withdrawn;

(*b*) if so, what was the reason for withdrawing the permission?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Chief Secretary to Government)*:

(*a*) No.

(*b*) Does not arise.

DISMANTLING OF A PULAYA'S HUT—COMPLAINT REGARDING

292. മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. കെ. കണ്ണൻ: താഴെ പറയുന്ന ചോദ്യങ്ങൾക്ക ബഹുമാനപ്പെട്ട ഗവർമ്മെണ്ടിൽനിന്നും സദയം മറുപടി പറയുമോ.—

(എ) എറണാകുളം വില്ലേജിൽ പെരുമാനൂര് ദേശത്തു് തോട്ടറത്തറ കുഞ്ഞൻ കൊടിയൻ എന്ന പുലയന്റെ പുരയുടെ ചില ഭാഗങ്ങൾ ടി ദേശത്തു വളഞ്ഞമ്പലത്തിനു കിഴക്കുവശം താമസിക്കുന്ന അയ്യാവുപിള്ള മകൻ വേലായുധൻപിള്ള ക ക ഫ ം മേടം ന ക-ാംനു-വൈകുന്നേരം ന്യ മണിയോടുകൂടി പൊളിച്ചു കളഞ്ഞിരിക്കുന്നു എന്നുള്ള സംഭവം പോലീസ്സു് അധികൃതന്മാരുടെ ശ്രദ്ധയിൽ പെട്ടിട്ടുണ്ടോ;

(ബി) ഉണ്ടെങ്കിൽ അവർ എന്തു നടപടികളാണു് ഇതിനകം എടുത്തു കഴിഞ്ഞിട്ടുള്ളതു്;

(സി) ബഹുമാനപ്പെട്ട അധികൃതസംരക്ഷകനു ഈ സംഭവത്തെക്കുറിച്ചു ഹരജി ലഭിക്കുകയുണ്ടായിട്ടുണ്ടോ;

(ഡി) ഉണ്ടെങ്കിൽ അദ്ദേഹം അന്വേഷണം നടത്തിയിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

മിസ്റ്റർ സി. ജെ. മാത്യു:

(എ) ഉണ്ടു്.

(ബി) അന്വേഷണം നടത്തി ഹരജിക്കാരനു മറുപടി കൊടുത്തിട്ടുണ്ടു്.

(സി) ഉവ്വു്.

(ഡി) അസ്സിലിഫ്ടു് ഇൻസ്പെക്ടർ അന്വേഷണം നടത്തിയിട്ടുണ്ടു്.

ERNAKULAM—MALAYATTUR—BUS SERVICE

293. Mr. M. I. Paul *(Narakkal)*: Will Government be pleased to state.—

whether there is any bus service now running from Ernakulam to Malayattur?

Mr. K. S. Raghavan *(Secretary to Government)*:

No. The bus service from Ernakulam to Malayattur was suspended, as usual, during the monsoon of 1120, as it is not possible to transport the bus across the Chowwara river during that season. The service owner in Chingam 1121 expressed unwillingness to resume the line owing to the increase in the ferry charges at Chowwara with effect from 1st Chingam 1121: Every endeavour is, however, being made to resume the service.

AMBULANCE VAN—GENERAL HOSPITAL

294. Mr. P. K. Dewer *(Nominated)*: Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) when was the ambulance van given over to the General Hospital;

(*b*) for how many days has the same been in working order;

(*c*) when was it sent for repair to the Cochin Motors Ltd.;

(*d*) when was the repair over and handed back to the General Hospital;

(*e*) is the van still available for the public;

(*f*) for how long has the van in Ernakulam and in the Civil Hospital at Trichur been out of order and therefore useless;

(*g*) have these vans still drivers and cleaners;

(*h*) what have they been doing during the long period these vans were out of order and under repair;

(*i*) were these drivers and cleaners being paid during the period during which the van was under repair?

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Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Secretary to Government):*

(*a*) On 25th Karkadagam 1119.

(*b*) For 56 days.

(*c*) On 18th Kanni 1120.

(*d*) The van has not been received back after repairs.

(*e*) No. Please see answer to sub-division (*d*).

(*f*) The General Hospital van has been out of order from 18th Kanni 1120. The Civil Hospital van has never been in use since it was taken charge of on 19th Medam 1119.

(*g*) There are drivers but no cleaners.

(*h*) The driver attached to the General Hospital van was working in the Civil Surgeon's Office when the van was sent for repairs. He was also assisting the General Hospital mechanic. He worked till 21st Chingam 1121 and thereafter he was detailed for work in the Public Works Department till the van is ready for use.

There was a driver attached to the Civil Hospital van from 15th Karkadagam 1119 to 13th Meenam 1120. He was kept on, hoping that the van would be received back in order soon. He was made to do the work of the mechanic till a mechanic was appointed on 27th Dhanu 1120. When the mechanic joined duty, he continued to assist the mechanic. The repair of the Civil Hospital van is now over and will be put into use within a few days.

(*i*) Drivers have been paid while in service here. Cleaners have not been appointed to either of these vans.

SCALE OF PAY—SUB-ASSISTANT SURGEONS

295. Dr. S. S. Rao *(Nominated):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether any increase has been effected or proposed to be effected in the scale of pay to the Sub-Assistant Surgeons;

(*b*) what is the present pay and proposed increase, if any?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Secretary to Government):*

(*a*) No increase is either effected or proposed to be effected.

(*b*) Present pay Rs. 60-4-120 with 3 Selection Grade Posts on Rs. 125-5-150. (2 for men and 1 for women).

TYPHOID CASES—TREATED IN HOSPITALS

296. Mr. Paramel Ipe Ipe *(Kunnamkulam):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) the total number of typhoid cases treated in all the hospitals and dispensaries of Cochin State in each of the following years—1118, 1119 and 1120;

(*b*) the number of deaths in each of the above years;

(*c*) the number of typhoid cases treated in the above institutions and the number of deaths during the first two months of this year;

(*d*) whether typhoid cases are on the increase year by year?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Secretary to Government):*

(*a*) 1118 .. 2,107
1119 .. 1,703
1120 .. 1,463

(*b*) 1118 .. 279
1119 .. 260
1120 .. 181

(*c*) No. treated 378 — Death 39

(*d*) No.

FACTORIES IN THE STATE

297. Mr. P. K. Dewer *(Nominated):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) how many factories are there in the State (Please give their names);

(*b*) the number of workers in each of these Factories (Please give the number of women and children separately)?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* A list showing the factories registered under the Factories Act and the average number of workers employed in each in 1120 is placed on the Council table.

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